

STATE FAIR'S BIG BUILDING PROGRAM

\$80,000 HORSE STRUCTURE WILL BE READY FOR THE 1921 EXHIBITION.

GREAT NEW COLISEUM TO BE BUILT BY NEXT YEAR

Another distinct step forward in the steady development of the Michigan State Fair is being made in the building program that has been decided upon for the immediate future. The fair has maintained a rapid rate of growth since it located on the grounds out Woodward avenue and with the additions now to be made will begin to make the impressive appearance that its rank as the leading fair in America entitles it to.

There is now under construction on the fair grounds a new horse building, costing in the neighborhood of \$80,000, which will be completed and ready for use at the coming fair, September 2-11. Were it not for the prohibitive cost of building construction and the difficulty of obtaining labor that existed last year, a more considerable amount of building would have been arranged for to be completed in time for the 1921 fair.

"With the new horse building fully equipped to take care of all horses shown at the fair, in the most modern manner throughout, the old horse building is being remodeled as an addition to the cattle building," explained Secretary-Manager G. W. Dickinson, of the fair. "The cattle building, with this addition, also will be one that the fair can be proud of."

"The old cattle sheds, which will be used this year for sheep and swine exhibits, will be torn down after this year's fair. The new coliseum will be erected on the site now occupied by these cattle sheds. The coliseum will be a most effective addition to the permanent features of the state fair. The building will cover a space about 220 by 180 feet. It will have a large central arena, with tiers of seats about the arena that will accommodate seven to eight thousand people."

"In this arena we can have blooded stock shows and sales during the year as well as having the use of it at State Fair time. It can be made the central point in the midwest for high-class stock sales, with profit to the state fair as well as increased reputation."

Sewers have been constructed through the fair grounds during this year, giving additional facilities to the grounds. A new building is being planned for the sheep and swine exhibits, which will be of much better grade than the present temporary quarters in the old cattle sheds.

A new art building also is planned, along with improvements to several of the existing buildings on the grounds. All these improvements and new buildings are to be ready for the opening of the 1922 fair. It is planned, thus heavily increasing the facilities over those now had.



FRANK COWARD.

Few men are better known to Michigan farmers and livestock breeders than Frank Coward, of Bronson, State Fair Board member who will be in charge of the exhibits of the sheep department of the 1921 fair in Detroit, Sept. 2-11. As state treasurer of the Grange and a prominent figure in farm loan activities and other state affairs he has been long prominent in the public eye. The sheep department is regarded as one of the most important at the state fair, because of the prominence of Michigan in the wool market. Mr. Coward will be assisted in his work in this department by C. J. Kellogg, of Reading, who will judge medium and long wool, and by George A. Brown, professor of Animal Husbandry, M. A. C., East Lansing, judge of fine wool.

ONE-WAY FREIGHT RATE TO FAIR

By arrangement with all the railroads which operate in Michigan, made by Secretary-Manager G. W. Dickinson, of the Michigan State Fair, exhibitors at the 1921 fair, in Detroit, September 2-11, will have the advantage of a one-way freight rate on their exhibits at the fair.

In these days of high rates the concession gained is of great importance to Michigan farmers and others who wish to send exhibits or displays to the state fair and have them returned to their homes when the fair is ended.

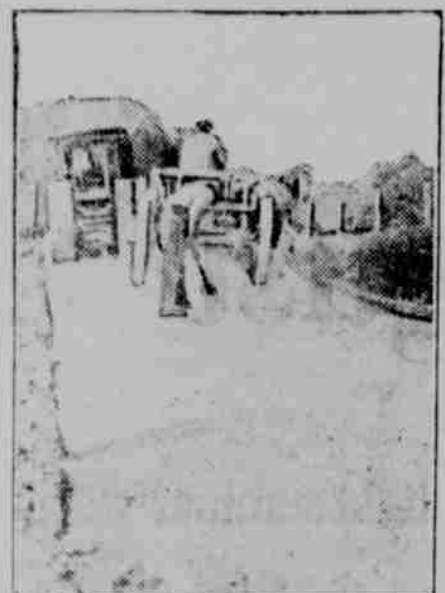
The word heckle, meaning to badger candidate, is also spelled "heckle" and was first used in the flux trade. The heckler or heckler drew flux through a heckle plus, thereby straightening and splitting the fiber.

Improved Roads

IMMENSE SUM FOR HIGHWAYS

During Year 1919 Over \$400,000,000 Was Expended for Rural Highways and Bridges.

During the calendar year 1919, 40 states of the Union expended over \$400,000,000 on their rural roads and bridges, the bureau of public roads of the United States Department of Agriculture recently announced. This total is made up of the actual cash expenditures for such items as labor, materials, supervision and administration, amounting to \$389,455,931, and convict labor and statute labor, the value of which, not definitely known, is estimated at about \$132,000,000. So far as possible, all expenditures on city streets within incorporated towns



Building an Up-to-Date Highway.

and cities and all items of sinking-fund payments or the redemption and interest payments on road and bridge bonds have been excluded.

"The road and bridge expenditures for 1919 show an increase of approximately 33 1/3 per cent over those of 1918 and 70 per cent over those of 1914. More striking, however, is the increase in the proportion of the total funds supervised by the several state highway departments. In 1918 the expenditures by or under the supervision of the state highway departments amounted to \$117,285,268, while the local road funds, over which they exercised no control whatever, amounted to \$108,812,925. In 1919, however, the state highway departments supervised the expenditure of \$200,292,034 as against the total of \$189,163,287 expended by the local road and bridge authorities."

REMOVING SNOW FROM ROADS

Becoming Increasingly Important Because of Large Amount of Travel During Winter.

Snow removal from highways is becoming increasingly important because of the large amount of travel by motortrucks and automobiles. Several states have made appropriations for removal of snow from the main highways but in other states there has been no appropriation of funds for this purpose. Vast quantities of commodities must be hauled over the highways next winter because of the lack of sufficient railway cars to move them, and state money, rather than local funds ought to be used to keep truck highways open.

IMPROVED ROADS WOULD AID

Many Counties Rich in Agricultural Possibilities Are Burdened With Poor Roads.

Fluctuations in market prices may have several explanations. They frequently take place in regions where the local production does not equal the annual consumption. There are counties rich in agricultural possibilities, burdened with bad roads, where the annual incoming shipments of foodstuffs exceed the outgoing shipments in the ratio of four to one. Many such counties with improved roads could not only become self-supporting, but could ship products to other markets.

TREES DO NOT INJURE ROADS

Instead of Taking All Out It Would Be Better to Thin Out to 50 or 75 Feet.

Why cut down all trees along the highway being graded? We recently saw two or three dozen large maples along a road taken out entirely. It would look much better and be as usable if the row had been thinned to 50 or even 75 feet. If the road were well made the trees would not injure it at all. Let's have some shade on our new roads.—LeRoy Cady, associate horticulturist, University Farm, St. Paul.

Plant Some Trees.

If you live on the south side of the road, plant some shade trees to shelter the hot traveler. In a few years people will say: "He lives on the farm where those big elms shade the road."

Determine Profits.

Farmers' profits are determined by the difference between production and transportation costs and the selling prices. Production must cease when the transportation costs wipe out the difference.

Raincoat of Paper.

One of the most serviceable waterproofs is the raincoat of Mitsumata paper made from the leaves and stems of a small shrub which grows in the mountains of Japan.

TOWN LINE

John Whitcraft of Lansing spent last week with relatives and friends here.

J. E. O'Bryant of Shepherd was a business caller in this vicinity on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Simmons and family entertained her two brothers from Mt. Pleasant and Grand Ledge on Sunday.

Mrs. Clyde Johnson and children spent Tuesday with Mrs. Matt Johnson and family.

Leslie Hoyt and family spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Ed. O'Bryant, of Forest Hill.

Geo. Shoemaker spent Saturday night at Crystal.

Miss Margaret Barry who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Barry, has returned to her work in Saginaw.

Mrs. Matt Johnson entertained company Sunday.

Mrs. Edwards of Durand has been visiting her son, James Edwards, and family also her daughter, Mrs. Gibbs, of Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto entertained Miss Nila and Zelma Otto of Charlevoix, Fred Bolyard and Mr. and Mrs. John Sherman of Middleton on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lantz entertained his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Lantz, Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Elsie, Edwin Rogers and family of St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Chet English on Sunday.

Josephine Johnson spent Sunday with Virginia Leonard.

Mrs. Belle Lake of Alma spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Maude Leonard, and family.

Archie Johnson and wife of Alma called on his sister, Mrs. Ferd. Kye, who was injured by a fall one day last week.

John Whitcraft and Miss Eliza Hoyt spent Thursday afternoon with relatives near Forest Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Simmons and family spent the week end with relatives at Mt. Pleasant.

SOUTHEAST COE

Mrs. Clara Leonard is quite ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geiskeln made a business trip to Breckenridge Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Randolph of Alma attended church here Sunday.

Thelma Schultheisse returned home Monday after spending the week in St. Louis visiting at the home of her aunt.

Mrs. Fred Gay visited with her sister in Alma on Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Roy Gould and family spent Friday at Vestaburg.

Albert Geiskeln and family and Fred Gay and wife spent Sunday afternoon at Forest Hill.

Mrs. Elwin Stahl spent part of the week in Alma visiting with friends. John Schultheisse and wife spent Friday at Rock Lake.

CANNING NOTES

(M. A. C. Home Economics Dept.) No vegetable is more delicious in the winter than sweet corn properly canned.

The cold pack method is the safest and best.

Remove husk and silk. Blanch in boiling water for five minutes on cob. Dip in cold water. Cut corn from cob and pack into hot jars (one-fourth inch from top).

Fill jars with boiling water. Add level teaspoon of salt per quart. Put on new rubbers and screw covers as tight as possible with thumb and little finger.

Put into boiler or canner with boiling water over the top of the cans and let boil for three hours.

Corn seems to give home canners more trouble than do most products, but if these rules are followed, there need be no difficulty.

Select the corn just between the milk and dough stage.

If one person works alone, only just enough corn should be cut off for one jar at a time and the jar packed at once.

Due to the starch present, the corn expands a little in boiling, and therefore the jars should not be quite full.

Corn should never be allowed to remain in the cold dip water.

Be sure to sterilize the cans well and use only new rubbers.

Starting Slips.

More house plants are grown from slips than from seeds. To do this take a branch half ripe and cut a slit three inches long. Take off all the leaves except the upper two and root it well in wet sand several inches thick, putting one and one-half inches of the slip under the sand. Keep this thoroughly moist. When the roots begin to grow put your plant, with its sand, into a pot provided with other soil.

Some slips, such as oleander and ivy, will root in water.

Most Eggs in New Moon Period.

Experiments have shown that more eggs will hatch if the hen is set when the moon is new, or very close to that period, and that the young chicks hatched at that time will be stronger and more vigorous, and will grow more rapidly. On the other hand, chicks hatched when there is no moon are often more weakly and do not make such strong and vigorous fowls, nor are they such good egg-layers.

Best of All Mantles.

You may cover yourself over with silk bedspreads; they will not bring you rest. But just try wrapping yourself about with the mantle of charity and good will toward all men. Then your sleep will be sweet and you will waken ready for the new day.—Exchange.

FIREWORKS SHOW FOR FAIR HERE

A monster night display, carrying with it practically every type of open air fireworks, will be produced in connection with the

Gratiot County Fair this year, according to the program announced today, by the secretary.

Definite booking of the big spectacle was made this week, the secretary announced. It will be put on by the Thearle-Duffield Fireworks Co. of Chicago, the largest producers of fireworks displays in the world.

This is one of the few localities in the state where this spectacle will appear. According to the outline of the production which has just been issued by the fair board, the evening show will carry nearly two hours of fireworks features of all sorts. Aerial thrillers, set pieces and ground devices of every kind will be included on the program.

As a special drawing card, the board has contracted for the production of several miniature action spectacles, including living figures in fire, portraits of famous men, fireworks reproduction of Niagara Falls and other well known landmarks, etc.

To produce the show a special corps of experts from the Thearle-Duffield Co. will be brought here during the fair.

"We are sure that no fair in the state has ever equaled this spectacle," the secretary of the fair said today. "It is one of the most costly features we have ever booked, but we feel sure that, likewise, it will be one of our biggest drawing cards."

His Prayer Was Answered!

A Grimsby (Neb.) fish merchant who early in the year wrote "God send you back to me" upon a treasury note which he put into circulation was surprised to receive it back recently as part payment of an account by a Sweden customer.

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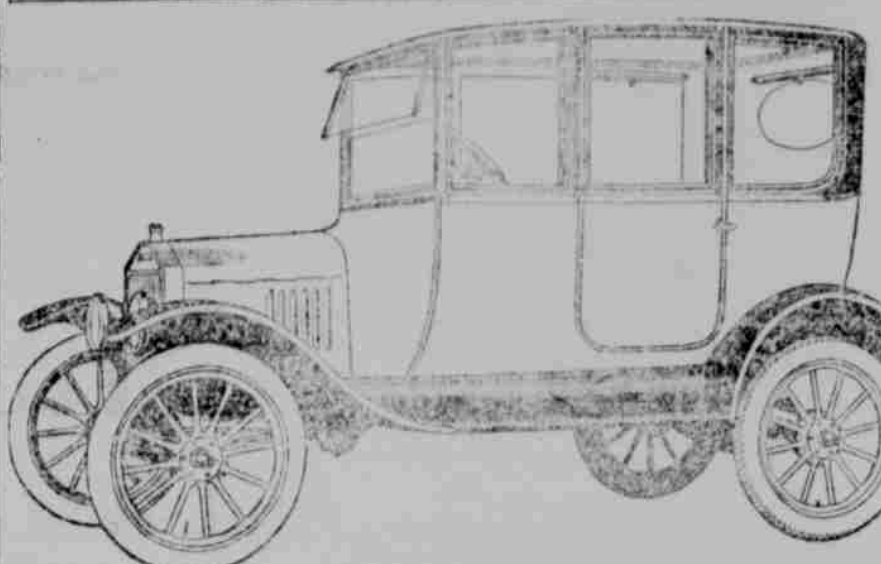
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